

12 (Twice amended). A pollution control device comprising:

a housing;

a pollution control element disposed within the housing; and

a mounting article disposed between the pollution control element and the housing, said mounting article comprising a sheet material useful for mounting a pollution control element, said sheet material having major top and bottom surfaces, a thickness, a length and a width, said sheet material having at least one score-line in at least one of the major top and bottom surfaces of said sheet material to relieve surface tension in said sheet material, said at least one score-line extending [only] in a direction parallel to [the flow of] gas flow through said pollution control element.

26 (Amended) The pollution control device of claim 12 wherein said sheet material includes [a sheet material layer having] a surface suitable for receiving strips of a second layer of sheet material, said strips of a second layer of sheet material attached to the surface [of said sheet material layer] in an adjacent manner to provide said at least one score-line.

28 (Amended). A pollution control device comprising:

a housing;

a pollution control element disposed within the housing, said pollution control element having an oval shape, said oval shape defined by a first radius of curvature and a second radius of curvature, said second radius of curvature smaller than said first radius of curvature; and

a mounting article disposed between the pollution control element and the housing, said mounting article comprising a sheet material useful for mounting a pollution control element, said sheet material having major top and bottom surfaces, a thickness, a length, and a width, said sheet material having at least one score-line which corresponds to the second radius of curvature of the pollution control element, said at least one score-line extending [only] in a direction parallel to [the flow of] gas flow through said pollution control element, said at least one score-line relieving surface tension in said sheet material.